Fathers can cast a long shadow

In 1896, Edward Glowrey, father of a large and growing family, faced financial disaster and failing health. One of his responses to these difficult circumstances was to encourage his daughters to pursue their education, so that they would be able to support themselves. One became a teacher. Another, Mary Glowrey, with his advice and encouragement, went on to become one of the first women medical graduates of Melbourne University. She learnt her lessons well from this father. For the rest of her life, when she faced a difficult or challenging situation, she did not back off but rather developed her own gifts and talents and worked to help others do the same. Seeing the needs of the poor in Melbourne during WWI, she helped found the Catholic Women’s Social Guild. Feeling a call to help the women and children of India, she did a Doctorate in Medicine to be better skilled in helping them. After running a busy practice, she sailed to India, in 1920 and joined a religious congregation serving the poor. After turning a small dispensary into a large hospital, she founded a nursing school, the Catholic Medical Association of India and when she died was planning a medical college to train doctors, which is now one of the premier medical schools of India. Not bad for a girl from a little country town on the Mallee.

All her life, she regarded her father as an instrumental force in her life. His encouragement of her education was just the beginning. He taught her to face problems, clearly and creatively, and to work with others to bring them to completion. He was also known for his kindness to all – another feature of Mary’s life. He did not know what she was to become, but in the midst of his own challenges, he ensured that he took the time to clearly and gently teach his children the values that would form a rich and fulfilling life.

Loving Father never let me underestimate the influence I can have on my child/ren. Even when I am caught up in the many challenges of life, still my words and example reveal your love and wisdom. I ask this in Jesus’ name, confident that you will hear me.

Sr Kym Harris osb

ST MARY MACKILLOP QUOTE

“Help one another, and forgive and forget anything painful in the past”

Mary MacKillop
9.8.1881
Dear Parent/caregiver,

STAFF ON LEAVE
This week we farewell Mrs Alessandra Klein as she goes on leave for the remainder of 2013. Mrs Klein will be spending time with her daughter and family as they emigrate from Italy to Australia. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Klein for the wonderful work she has done with the children in the Grade 1/2 Team. I’m sure that her class in particular will miss her greatly. We wish Mrs Klein well for her period of leave and look forward to her return in 2014.

Miss Lindyl Wingate will take over Mrs Klein’s teaching responsibilities in Grade 2. Miss Wingate is an experienced classroom teacher who has taught extensively both on the mainland and here in Tasmania. We wish Miss Wingate every success as she takes up her new position at our school.

GRADE 6 TRIP TO MELBOURNE
Last week our Grade 6 class went to Melbourne for 3 days. What a fantastic trip it was! Here are just some of the highlights!

- We visited the Mary MacKillop Centre, the place where St Mary MacKillop was born, and St Patrick’s Cathedral.
- We had excursions to Science Works, the Melbourne Aquarium and the Melbourne Museum.
- Going to an AFL match where we watched Collingwood and West Coast play.
- We had meals in restaurants and also at Sacre Coeur Catholic College.
- Travelling on trains, trams and planes!

I am extremely grateful to:

- Our wonderful Grade 6 students who were great ambassadors for our school and state. Everywhere we went, people commented on the excellent behaviour of our students.
- Sacre Coeur Catholic School who picked us up and took us to their school for a wonderful meal and to MacKillop College, Werribee who sent one of their buses to take us to/from the airport.
- Our school staff members; Mr Ryan Kinder, Miss Shae Longey, Mr Chris Lovell, Mrs Leanne Hall and also to our Parish Priest who also came along on our trip.
- Everyone within our school community who supported this new initiative!

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION AT SACRED HEART
Over the last week or so all classes at our school have been working on an Aboriginal Unit of work. What a great success this has been. There has been some amazing work happening in classrooms especially around History, Literacy and Art. Each day children from all classes come together in community groups to further explore Aboriginal history and culture and the children have been encouraged to express their learning in a variety of ways.

This week all children have gone on an “On Country Experience” to further add to their knowledge. These excursions have included visits to Platypus Creek in Geeveston, Mt Misery, the Hartz Mountains and Burton’s Reserve. There has also been some amazing art and craft work happening both within classrooms and around the school. It has been really inspiring to see the level of interest and engagement from our students!
FATHERS’ DAY GIFT STALL TOMORROW
A further reminder that our amazing P&F Association is running a Fathers’ Day gift stall at school tomorrow. They have a fantastic range of great gifts ranging in price from 50c to $4. Please ensure that your child brings their money to school tomorrow!

PLAYGROUP
The number of people attending our playgroup has dwindled lately no doubt because of wet, cold weather and illness. If the Playgroup is to continue, we need your support. Please come along as this is a great way for younger children to become more familiar with school life and to also meet other children. Playgroup runs every Monday morning from 9.30 – 11am.

SCHOOL FEES – OVERDUE ACCOUNTS
I encourage parents to make their school fee payments on time. Our school fees are very reasonable and very important in enabling the school to provide an excellent curriculum and learning environment for your child. As always, if a family is experiencing financial difficulty, we ask that you contact the Principal to discuss possible ways that we can assist you.

Happy Father’s Day
to all the dads and granddads of children at our school.
We hope you have a great day this Sunday!

Dates for your Diary
Thurs 29th Aug  Fathers Day Stall

Library News
Thank you to all those that supported our book fair. We were able to purchase $580 of new books for the library.

Book club closes on the 2nd September. No late orders accepted.

Wanted:
Karlee Delaney is making jam for Breakfast Club and would love any frozen fruit that you would like to donate. Please call Karlee 0407 319 124
What’s Been Happening at Sacred Heart

Grade 6 in Melbourne

Bookfair
TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2014 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, the U.S.A, South America and Japan will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

ANZ NetSetGO! is the only introductory program for netball aimed at children aged from 5 to 10.

The Huon Netball Association will be running this program on a Wednesday starting from the 11th September to the 16th of October from 3:30pm at the Huonville Netball Courts.

Complete a registration form and email to huonnetballassociation@gmail.com. Registration forms are available on our website http://www.huonnetball.com/player-forms.html (Registration Form netsetgo)

Junior basketball with coach Mike Bouffard is starting again at the Port Huon Sports Centre, on Tuesday 3 September at 3.30pm.

If you are interested, please call 6297 17808 and leave your name.
Child and Parenting Course
Royal Hobart Hospital

The Childbirth and Parenting Course will be offered over 2 sessions (each session 3 hours)
The course will feature:

- Sessions conducted by midwives
- Interactive learning style
- Labour and birth information
- Discussions on parenting issues
- General breastfeeding information

Childbirth & Parenting Course

Week 1
- Your body and pregnancy
- Labour preparation, normal birth process, natural pain options
- Drugs used during childbirth process
- Immediate post natal care and feeding baby
- Transition to parenting, importance of Fathers

Week 2
- What happens in Hospital when things don’t go as planned?
- Post Natal Depression
- Connecting with children
- Settling and safety
- Budgeting choices
- Support and community

The Royal Hobart Hospital Childbirth and Parenting Course

To be held at Geeveston Child and Family Centre

Child and Family Centre
4879 Huon Highway Geeveston
PO Box 375
Geeveston TAS 7116

Tel: 6297 0052
Or ring Anna on 0448 188 807

Our children our community: welcoming families to grow strong together.

Women’s and Children’s services are offering a Childbirth and Parenting Course over two days. The Royal Hobart Hospital is accredited as a Baby Friendly Hospital and follows the 10 steps to successful breastfeeding.

Thursday 22nd AUGUST 12-3pm
Thursday 29th AUGUST 12-3pm

Course is free
Lunch will be provided.

Bookings can be made by contacting wayrparattee Child and Family Centre at Geeveston 62970052
Dear Parents,

Please call us on 6297 1708.

Every Wednesday and Thursday afternoon.

Also starting soon, prvms, n buses classes.

We cater for all age groups and age levels.

If you are interested in swimming lessons with Sharon, for your kids, please contact us. Classes are $14.

Give it a try. It's a lot of fun for all age children. Why not come and enjoy swimming classes in babies and toddlers classes.

Kids swimming lessons with Sharon Smith have now started at the Port Huon Sports Centre.

Contact: Sharon Smith

For further enquiries:

Friday evenings.

For each category and will be announced at 7:30 pm on

Judging will take place on Friday 12th. People with two entries will be added for the prizes.

Entrees will be published on Saturday 14th September in the

entries must be submitted by Thursday 12th. September

Any medium accepted.

One entry per child.

Art work must be no larger than 50cm by 60cm.

Entry:

Open to all children pre-school to Year 6.

Topic: "Spring in the Thames Valley or "Daffodil Festival"

Conditions of Entry:

To be judged under five categories: Pre-school, 1, 2, 4, 6, 8 & 10.

The competition is open to all children from pre-school to Year 6 and will be held on Saturday 16th. September at the Geeston Community Bowling Club.

AND COMPETITION

YOUTH ART FESTIVAL

CHILDREN'S

GEESTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION